Success of "Home for all" scheme

†1657. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent Government's scheme called "Home for all" has been successful;

(b) whether a number of people are still homeless in the country and have not been able to turn their dream of making their own home a reality;

(c) whether to own a house in metropolitan cities has just become a dream; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto alongwith the reasons for not being self-reliant in this direction even at the end of the century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) There is no such scheme run by this Ministry. However, under the 2 Million Housing Programme, construction of 7 lakh houses in urban areas every year will be facilitated through the State Government agencies on a demand driven basis.

As per projections made by the 9th Plan Working Group a total of 16.76 million units are required during the 9th Plan Period for covering the housing shortage. At the present rate of shelter delivery, it may require atleast another 15 years by which the shelter needs of the poor in all States are largely met.

Poor quality of water supply in Delhi

1658. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 375 samples of water collected recently by the local bodies of the capital, 145 samples were found unfit for consuption;

(b) if so, the reasons of poor quality of water supply in the city resulting in water borne diseases among Delhities; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been reported by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi that the piped water supply by the Delhi Jal Board is by and large safe. The stored

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